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Hurst Meadows Working Group Meeting

5th February 2026

Attendees: Dr Georgina Judd, Allan Brown and Stephen Witchell

Apologies: Cllr Malcolm Llewellyn, Cllr Claire Majsai and Rebecca Rees.

Minutes

1. Lost Woods works Update

- a. The Tree works in Tilley's Copse, organised by the Woodland Trust as part of the Lost wood program was started on the 29th January 2026 have now been completed. All felled trees and branches have been left on site to decompose.
- b. The HMWG will arrange a meeting to view the works
- c. The Coppicing works are being organised with possible training for Volunteers.

2. Lost Woods Volunteer email

- a. Once the volunteer working party bramble works are completed, we will contact Michael Blencowe at Lost woods to discuss possible training of the Volunteers.
- b. There is possible opportunity to use them for volunteer training in meadows and Tilley's Copse. Including coppicing training.

3. Volunteer planned Works for February

- a. Brambles works are booked on 19th and 26th February

4. Millennium Garden Apple waste

- a. It was highlighted after the Wassail event that there was a large number of apples on the floor in the Millennium Garden Orchard.
- b. We have agreed to put up signage on site, on our website and Facebook, telling people to help themselves to fruit in the Millennium Garden.
- c. We are hoping that this will reduce the amount left on the ground and we will ask Hamish to help clean up the remainder.
- d. SW to create reminders in his calendar to organise the signage and posts and will give out reminders to others.

5. Management Plan

- a. SW is working on the Hurst Meadows Management plan; SW will complete what he can and will send a draft Management plan to be reviewed by the group to assist with populating it.
- b. We will also arrange a meeting to discuss the management plan outside of a HMWG meeting.



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6. Hurst Life article for April 2026

- a. Allan has kindly agreed to pop in to work out the hurst life article. We will centre on volunteer items.
- b. SW to send Allan a date for this meeting

7. Any Other Business

- a. Hedge laying inspection is due to be carried out in September 2026, we will look to lay the hedge if confirmed to be possible in Spring 2027.
- b. George is to resend over any photos of Hurst Meadows taken when the site was taken over.